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Probate Court is held on the First Monday in February, May, August and November.

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IRON LODGE No. 107, I. O. O. F. meets every Monday evening, at its hall, in Ironton.
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W. W. NALL, Reporter.

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JOB WORK.

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Benton's Closing Days.

A correspondent of the *National Republican* writes: "In the year 1858-59 Col. Benton resided in house No. 334 C street northwest, now occupied by the Hon. Mr. Greenleaf, member of the last Congress. In this house he expired April 10, 1858, at the age of 76 years. For the last two years of his life he devoted himself to literary pursuits, which were commenced even before he had entirely closed his active political career. In this period he completed his great work, 'Thirty Years' View,' wrote a remarkable paper on the 'Dred Scott Decision,' and commenced the 'Debate of Congress,' which he finally completed down to the compromise measures of 1850.

During his last winter death daily stared him in the face, and was only kept at bay by the almost invincible will of Benton. Suffering intensely at times from a complication of disease he nevertheless retained his faculties unimpaired to the last, and on the very morning of the day of his death sat propped up in his bed and read and corrected with his own hand the closing proof-sheets of the 'Condensed Debates.' The faculty had not then discovered the recent arts for prolonging life at the expense of a bodily stupor and a clouded mind. Benton bore with surprising equanimity the inflictions of nature without the interference of the new system of dealing with patients on the verge of the grave, and being left to himself was enabled by his great vitality to complete his literary designs.

Gen. Grant has displayed an equal vitality, a power of endurance, considering what he suffers, both from nature and art, almost without a parallel. But yet it will probably become a cause of unfeeling regret to the world that he will not be able to complete his great literary work, 'The History of the War of the Rebellion,' embracing his autobiography in connection therewith. Yet how could the result be otherwise? Since no amount of human vitality, will-power, or tenacity to life could cope with the accumulated troubles of body and mind which have been brought to bear upon him. Sadly he sinks into the last slumber; while a helpless nation waits weeping at his bedside, and the world mourns a great soul departing.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chomel Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is sold everywhere. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by F. R. Crisp.

A Temperance Measure.

The emphatic popular favor with which the system of high license, with local option, is received in the West is proof that the people are coming to regard it as the best practical solution of the liquor question. Prohibitory legislation has proved a failure wherever tried on a general scale; and it is a failure even in Maine, where it originated thirty-five years ago and where it is still painfully maintained—and a convincing proof of its failure is that at every successive session of the legislature some new law is passed to make it effective. In the West the people take a sensible and practical view of the matter. Some men will drink; they will in spite of all prohibitions; the wisest policy, therefore, is to tolerate the habit and make it pay for itself by placing saloon licenses at a good stiff price. This will diminish the number of drinking places and thereby limit the temptation to indulgence; and it will secure a liberal revenue from establishments that can well afford to pay it. The system allows local communities to decide for themselves whether they will have saloons in their midst or not—and this is what is called local option. Where there are few drinkers; and the sentiment of the community is overwhelmingly against saloons—as in Missouri and a few other counties of Illinois—in these communities where there is an active minority opposed to absolute prohibition, the usual practice is to permit saloons, but limit the number of them by fixing a high license fee.

The system works with a nearly perfect harmony in Missouri. Not only does it have the cordial approval of the public, but it does not encounter opposition from those who deal in, nor those who drink liquor. In Illinois and Ohio a law similar to ours was proposed by Democrats on the ground that the license fee it required was too high. But it is not as high in either of these states, as in Missouri, and we think the opposition to it in both states a mistake. In New York and Massachusetts, public sentiment is fast tending towards the Missouri system, and in another year it will probably be adopted. The experience of our state shows clearly that a well regulated high license is an efficient temperance measure.—*Republican*.

Positive Cure for Piles.

To the people of this County we would say we have been given the Agency of Dr. March's Italian Pile Ointment—empirically guaranteed to Cure or money refunded—Internal, External, Blind, Bleeding or Itching Piles. Price 50c a Box. No Cure, No Pay. For sale by F. R. Crisp, Drugget, Ironton, Mo.

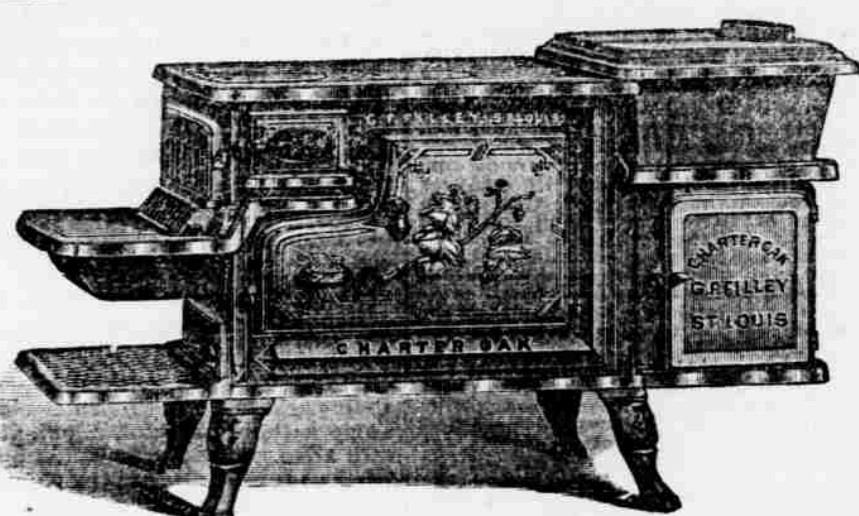
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But suppose that all the praying was done on a mistaken assumption; that Gen. Grant was asked to save Gen. Grant from a danger which did not exist; that the physicians were wrong in their diagnosis of his disease; that his trouble was not cancer, but something which was curable and really never endangering his life, provided it was properly treated. The prayers which have ascended for him, were occasioned by reports sent out from his sick chamber by his physicians, and they would not have gone up if the people had generally understood that he was suffering from a disease which did not imperil his life, but from which he might recover in the ordinary course of things.

It seems probable now that there was no real justification for alarm at any time, that the physicians merely advertised their own mistaken diagnosis, and that therefore the case of Gen. Grant proves nothing in regard to prayer, either any way or the other. It has afforded no chance for the prayer test. If he gets well, it will be because he was bound to recover from a curable disease as soon as the physicians recognized it for what it was. But perhaps it may be said that their eyes were opened in answer to prayer.

—N. Y. Sun.

A Lawyer's Opinion of Interest to All.

J. A. Tawney, Esq., a leading attorney of Winona, Minn., writes: "After using it for more than three years, I take great pleasure in stating that I regard Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, as the best remedy in the world for Coughs and Colds. It has never failed to cure the most severe cold I have had, and invariably relieves the pain in the chest."

Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Mary Hall, deceased, that I, E. R. Grandhomme, administrator of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Iron County, to be held at the Court House in Ironton, Iron County, Mo., on the 4th day of May, 2, 1885.

E. R. GRANDHOMME, Administrator.

News From the Pan-Job.

Oh, tell us what new trouble catches; Oh, tell us what new fast you can; All those latest Cabul dispatches From the borders of Afghanistan!

Does Russia then wish to a Penjdeh Whole country as far as Herat? And will England really defend the Frontier? And, oh, where is that at?

Oh, tell us about Abdurrahman; When Dufferin meets the Amerer Will this be effective in calm? The excitement about the frontier?

Oh, no, gentle reader, we think not; Reports from the raging Murghab Have just been received, and they shrink not From the talk Amerer gab.

But no one can tell quite for certain About things in Afghanistan, Where the folks are each hour concerting! Some totally different plan.

Another Catastrophe.

The small boy fastens her skates. The small boy buckled the rollers fast. To the maiden's tiny feet,

He admires her No. 1's. And many admiring glances cast On the gaiters so small and neat.

He fears for her safety. "Do you think you can go alone?" he said, As she rose with a little sigh,

She expresses her determination. And the maiden nodded her pretty head, And said "I am going to try."

She tries. Result. Now the darling's sitting at home in pain Aching from soul to crown,

What she thinks of it. And she wouldn't go on the floor again For a hundred dollars down.

Prayer in Gen. Grant's Case.

Now that Gen. Grant is so greatly improved, and his entire recovery is not improbable, it is believed by great numbers of pious people that he has been snatched from death by the power of prayer.

Ever since his prostration, they say, prayers in his behalf have continually ascended to heaven throughout the Union. The petitions have gone up in churches, at prayer meetings, at domestic devotions, and at religious conventions, and many thousands of Christians have daily retired to their closets to plead for his life.

Therefore it is, say these unquestioning believers in the efficacy of prayer, that even after the physicians had confessed that medical science was unable to save him from a speedy death, Gen. Grant's case suddenly took a favorable turn, and he was at once on the high road to recovery. When man gave him up, God stretched out His hand to save him, in answer to the numberless prayers with which the faithful had stormed the gates of heaven.

That is, they will regard his recovery as a miracle worked in answer to prayer, and to prove to all the world the efficacy of prayer. It is almost as if the dead had been raised to life, they will say, for Gen. Grant was cured of an incurable disease, an impossibility to man and according to human logic, and hence God alone could have done it, as Lazarus was brought forth from the tomb.

"It is God who has done it in His power," says the Rev. Dr. Talmage. "It is prayer that has done it." And the Rev. Dr. Newman expresses the same opinion while at a meeting of Baptist ministers on Monday Gen. Grant's prostration was referred to as miraculous.

On the assumption that his disease was incurable and his speedy death certain under the operation of human laws, his recovery would, of course, be a miracle which could not be gainsaid. It may be true that Garfield died though a great part of the Christian world was on its knees pleading for his life, and that thousands of Christians pass away daily despite earnest prayers for their restoration to health; but the case of Gen. Grant would be enough to prove that even in these days a miracle may be worked by prayer.

Professor Tyndale's prayer test would be satisfied, and the whole world would be compelled to believe in the efficacy of the faith cure. Famous as Gen. Grant may have been before, he would become far more famous forever as a man who had been rescued from death by a veritable miracle scarcely less astonishing than the raising of Lazarus after he had been three days buried.

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The Wheat Product.

Some months since the *Republican* spoke of the ravages of the Hessian fly in the Kansas wheat fields and predicted a falling off in the product at the coming harvest. Our predictions are likely to be more than realized. The quarterly report of the Kansas state board of agriculture, for the quarter ending March 31, says:

"The loss from Hessian fly and freezing was 27 per cent, leaving a little more than 1,000,000 acres to be harvested this year if favorable conditions obtain hereafter. The late sown wheat in the West is just beginning to grow, the season being at least two weeks late as compared with last year, and for this reason its condition is difficult to judge. All wheat sown in open stalk fields and in fields otherwise sheltered or protected is in fair condition, and now promises a good yield. That sown on new ground did not suffer so severely as that sown on old ground, and this area, even in exposed fields, will make a fair crop. The condition of the living plants is 76 as compared with last year. The 27 per cent. winter-killed wheat is being covered up and the area put to spring crops. The indications now are that the product of 1885 will not exceed 44 per cent. of the crop of 1884. Eighteen per cent. of the crop of 1884 is still in the counties where wheat grows, awaiting a better condition of the market. The average price offered on March 25 for wheat in local markets was 51 cents."

The yield last year was 46,681,321 bushels; 41 per cent. of this would be 20,339,751 24 bushels. The secretary of the board is very conservative in his estimates usually, and the yield may be greater than he estimates, especially if the season should be favorable. The following reports from the leading wheat centers of the state, sent out since the secretary made up his estimates, would seem to confirm his statements:

W. H. Osborn, the most extensive wheat grower in Butler county, who has been heretofore harvesting from 1,000 to 1,500 acres of winter wheat, planted but 700 acres last year. He is now plowing up 600 acres of the 700. It is his deliberate judgment that the crop this summer will be but 25 per cent. of that harvested last year. Mr. Currely of Walnut township says the large acreage and the poor outlook will not give us more than 50 per cent. of last year. George Newman of Milton township says the yield will not go over 33 per cent. of last season. Mr. Thelget of Richland township says we could not have enough wheat to feed the county. Butler county is reported to have harvested 35,000 acres of wheat last year."

The general tenor of reports, however, is not so gloomy as this. They almost uniformly show an improvement over what was anticipated a few weeks ago. Fields that were considered dead are putting on new life, and under favorable conditions a yield one-third to one-half a crop. It is too early yet to speculate upon the extent of failure to the Kansas wheat crop, but that it will be far below last year's product there is no question.—*Republican*.

The New Postal Law.

To take effect on and after July 1, 1885:

1.—Scaled letters to go anywhere in the United States for 2 cents on each full ounce or fraction of an ounce in excess of half an ounce. Any letter over one full ounce for 2 cents; over 1 ounce and up to 2 ounces, 4 cents, and so on. The full ounce weight will apply to drop letters delivered for 1 cent where the carrier system is not in operation.

2.—Registered newspapers, sent by publishers or by news-dealers, one cent per pound, to include regular and special copies. Other papers, sent by any one, 1 cent for each four ounces or fraction of 4 ounces.

3.—Articles in newspapers may be marked with pen or pencil to call attention to them, but no words or figures can be used. This is not now allowed to publishers sending papers by pound rates.

4.—A special stamp (costing 10 cents) put upon a letter going to any place having a post office, and according to the U. S. Census, and to other places that may be hereafter specially designated by the Department, will be immediately delivered by a special messenger; provided the recipient lives within one mile of the post-office, or its sub-stations in large cities. Letters arriving after midnight not thus delivered.

Secretary Whitney has brought to public view an interesting picture of how voting has been conducted among the employees in the Mare Island navy yard under the Republican regime. The foremen managed the whole business. They prepared the ballots and gave them in a folded form to the voters. The men were required to take them to the polls in presence of inspectors appointed to see that they did their duty, deposit them in the ballot-box, and then return to their work. There was but one ticket allowed on the premises, and that was prepared by the foremen, who, if not acting from explicit directions from the navy department, were doing what they had reason for believing would be acceptable to the department.

This is the style of voting in the navy yard—and, no doubt, in other federal establishments—under the rule of the Republican party, whose romantic devotion to the cause of civil-service reform has been soured by the possession of a hundred organs, and in myriads of resolutions, speeches and official reports and messages—and whose passionate demands for "a free ballot and a free count" in behalf of the negro in the South, have positively exhausted the capacity of human patriotism and pathos. What a delightful illustration of the bonifacy of Republican rule were the proceedings of an American freeman marching like gaily slaves to vote as their Republican taskmasters ordered.